



Photo: A. Anderson

The Wanganui Branch's display at the National Daffodil Show, Wanganui, September 1960. This display won the top award.

NOTES FROM THE WANGANUI BRANCH

On the second Thursday in August Miss Betty Fletcher showed slides of her trip through the Milford Track. On Saturday, 13th August, a party went up to inspect the regeneration along the Ohakune Mountain Road and in the 2B2B Block.

Activities in September were concentrated on our exhibit in the National Daffodil Show, a replica of Kapiti Island complete with hills, bush, birds, lagoon, and sea shore. It created a great deal of interest and won a coveted Bronze Medal of the Royal Horticultural Society. On 8th October a large party visited Dawson Falls and explored the bush clad slopes of Mt. Egmont. On 13th Mr. Neil Simpson showed us some of the slides he has taken on tramping trips. The flower studies in particular made us realise how much is passed by unobserved.

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In the opinion of a visiting Californian journalist, Mr. J. F. Williamson, Lake Manapouri has a much greater potential scenically than hydro-electrically. He said that what was about to happen here was a repetition of what had happened some 30 years ago in California, where Lakes Shasta, Mead, and Huntington had their levels raised in the name of progress. Sensitive people regretted what had been done. Lake Shasta, for instance, was now littered with dead tree stumps and gave off a most repulsive smell round the edges.

He thought it was a great pity to ruin for eternity the great beauty of Manapouri, especially with nuclear power "just around the corner".